

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 HONG K 06190 160958Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-12 ISO-00 SSO-00 L-03 /024 W

-----111000 161025Z /14

O 160944Z MAY 78

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO AMEMBASSY MANILA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 404

UNCLAS HONG KONG 6190

STATE FOR EB/OA/AVP AND EA/PRCM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, HK

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NOMADS HONG KONG LANDING PERMISSION

EMBASSY PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO JOE BENICH OF NAMADS, INC. (CENTURY SHERATON PARK HOTEL TEL 50-60-41, ROOM 726).

QUOTE. SINCE TELCON THIS AFTERNOON HONG KONG ACTING ECONOMIC SERVICES SECRETARY DAVID WONG HAS CONTACTED US TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH HIM, WHICH WE HAD ARRANGED FOR 2:30 TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). WONG SAID THAT , ON RECONSIDERATION, THE NOMADS ARGUMENTS PERTAINED TO REGULATIONS AND OPERATIONS, AND AS SUCH THEY FELL STRICTLY INTO THE PROVINCE OF THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (HKCAD). CONGENOFF THEN SPOKE WITH HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR DOWNING, WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE YOU BUT WHO SAID THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO PROSPECT OF HIS EXCEPTING NOMADS FROM THE \$150 MILLION INSURANCE REQUIREMENT. DOWNING ARGUED AS HE HAD BEFORE WHEN CONGEN HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON NOMADS' BEHALF: HCAD CANNOT EXCEPT NOMADS FROM A VALID LOCAL AIRPORT SAFETY LAW. TO DO SO WOULD IMPLY HKCAD ITSELF ASSUMING THE LIABILITY IN EVENT OF AN AIRPORT ACCIDENT INVOLVING NOMADS. SECONDLY, HONG KONG AND UK REGULATIONS DEFINING COMMERCIAL CARRIERS CLEARLY PUT NOMADS IN THAT CLASS, NOT IN THE GENERAL AVIATION CATEGORY. HE SAID THIS DEFINITION HAS BEEN

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 HONG K 06190 160958Z

RECONFIRMED BY THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TO WHICH HKCAD REFERRED THE NOMADS CASE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU WISH AN APPOINTMENT WITH DOWNING. UNQUOTE.

CONGEN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH BENICH AT HOTEL. SHOESMITH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS, FLIGHT CLEARANCES, TOURISM PROMOTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978HONGK06190
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780206-0316
Format: TEL
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780555/aaaabund.tel
Line Count: 61
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 5051c19c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2681024
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CIVAIR: NOMADS HONG KONG LANDING PERMISSION EMBASSY PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO JOE BENICH OF NAMADS, INC. (CENTURY SHERATON PARK HOTEL TEL 50-60-41, RO
TAGS: EAIR, ETRD, HK, US, NOMADS AIR TRAVEL CLUB
To: MANILA
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/5051c19c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014